



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 15, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Set Public Hearing for 2003 Alley Retaining Wall Restoration Program,
Special Improvement of Alley Retaining Wall No. FS03#2**

Recommendation:

1. Adoption of a Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$40,000 and the list of benefited properties and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval Public Hearing to be held on August 26, 2003 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
2. Passage of a Resolution designating the improvement of the alleys by Bridge Maintenance.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Jeffrey A. Johnson, P.E., Field Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ **X** no financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☒ **X** Other financial impact (Explain): Special assessment against benefited properties.

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

The alley retaining wall, owned by the City near 3621 15th Ave. S. has failed. This occurred due to a combination of old age, the recent excessive precipitation, and a low speed contact with a vehicle. A nearby garage was damaged when the wall failed. It is the intent of the homeowner to construct a new garage this fall, once the retaining wall is replaced.

The proposed improvement is estimated to cost \$40,000. Under the City's Alley Retaining Wall Replacement Program, the City will cover 75% of the project costs with 25% being assessed against the benefited properties. Based on the \$40,000 estimated project cost, the City's share is \$30,000 with the balance of \$10,000 being assessed against the benefited properties. There are approximately 28 benefited properties.

The assessment will be based on area expressed in square footage of the benefited property. The assessment rate is determined by dividing the total portion of the project that is being assessed (\$10,000) by the total assessable square footage (136,490-sq. ft.). This gives us an assessment rate of \$.073 per sq. ft. for Project FS03#2. The assessment for a typical 50-foot by 110-foot lot would be \$401.50.

Capital funds have been appropriated for this work and are located in Fund 4100, Agency 937, and Org 9372.

If the Public Hearing is set on July 15, Council action is expected July 25, notification in *Finance and Commerce* would be August 2 (14 day notification timeline is required) and the Public Hearing would be scheduled for August 26. The wall would be reconstructed shortly thereafter.

Attachment 1 – Map

Cc: Council Member Schiff, Ward 9

Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

T&PW - Your Committee recommends passage of the accompanying Resolution designating the improvement of the alley retaining wall located behind 3621 15th Ave. South. This retaining wall replacement is consistent with the City's Alley Restoration Program and is designated Special Improvement of Existing Alley No. FS03#2.

Your Committee further recommends summary publication of the above-described Resolution.

Colvin Roy

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT OF
Existing Alleys No. FS03#2
2003 Alley Restoration Program
Alley Retaining Wall Replacement**

**Designating the improvement of the 2003 Alley Restoration Program (Alley
Retaining Wall Replacement at 3621 15th Ave. South)**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the following existing alley retaining wall located at 3621 15th Ave. South lying within the City of Minneapolis is hereby designated to be improved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 6 of the Minneapolis City Charter, by replacement with concrete modular block and including other related improvements and work as needed:

1. The property abutting the alley lying with in the block bounded by 15th Ave. South & Bloomington Ave. South, and West 36th Street and West 37th Street.

T&PW - Your Committee, having received a cost estimate of \$40,000 for alley retaining wall reconstruction improvement and a list of benefited properties for the 2003 Alley Retaining Wall Restoration Program, Special Improvement of Existing Alley Retaining walls No FS03#2, as designated by Resolution 2003R-____ passed July 25, 2003, now recommends that the City Clerk be directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held by the Transportation and Public Works Committee on August 26, 2003, in accordance with Chapter 10, Section 6 of the Minneapolis City Charter and Section 24.180 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, to consider approving the construction of the above designated alley retaining wall project.